

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

Weekend Masses

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 10:15am + Livestream

Emmanuel Church

of the Deaf:

Sunday at 11:30 AM



Daily Masses

Tuesday & Thursday: 12:10pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8am

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

9:00am-3:00 pm



Join us Online!

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

Visit our website to get connected to all our online resources, including Mass, faith activities and reflections, online giving, and ways to get involved.

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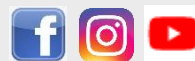
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Walk with us on:



St. Monica Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Vision and Mission

We are a Resurrection people rooted in our rich Catholic heritage. We are growing in the *SPIRIT*, as individuals and as a faith community. We answer the CALL to LIVE

OUT our Baptismal VOCATION in our daily lives, bringing the LIGHT of Christ's presence to our families, workplaces, neighborhoods, and the WORLD.

We dare to LIVE the LIFE of Jesus Christ, transforming discouragement into HOPE, fear into LOVE, isolation into COMMUNITY.



*God bless our two First Communicants.
May the Eucharist inspire all of us toward community!*

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

— Matthew 16

June 29, 2025

Feast of Saints
Peter and Paul

Visit our website and follow us on social media for even more ways to stay connected to our community. For help or to join the parish email list and receive our weekly news, email monicabulletin@dor.org.

**Confessions by appointment –
call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. June 28 Carol L. Wightman – John Delibert
Albert & Lucille Bradshaw - Family
Sun. June 29 Marc Richard Lourette – Richard Lourette & Diane Dinkins Lourette
Mildred & Bob Schwind – Dorothy Schwind
Tues. July 1 Special Intention – Pat Fox Zahn
Wed. July 2 All Parishioners
Thur. July 3 Virginia McEwen – Jean Button
Fri. July 4 Bernard Higgins – Barbara Higgins
Sat. July 5 Domenico D'Onofrio – Family
Sun. July 6 Clyde Forbes – Bostick Family



St. Monica @ Rochester Red Wings Game Saturday, August 16

Tickets will go on sale mid-July. Come enjoy our community and support our St. Monica youth singing the national anthem!



Parish Picnic Volunteers

The St. Monica's parish picnic will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 14th, at Genesee Valley Park. If you are interested in the planning of or helping at the picnic, please contact Meg Lute at 747-3953 or Bob Engle at 329-6313.

Our parish grants awards to students registered in Catholic schools in Grades K-8:

- Students in Grades K - 4 can receive \$1000 each year.
- Students in Grades 5 - 8 can receive \$500 each year.
- Current scholars in Grades 9 - 12 can continue their awards of \$1000 each year. No new awards will be granted to high school students.

To request a grant, you must be a registered parishioner. Contact Barbara Higgins by July 15 at 563-7447 or higgins@alum.rpi.edu and provide the name of student, the grade, and the school. This information must be provided each year. No financial information is needed. You must make the request each year by July 15.

As for the rest of us, consider contributing to the scholarship fund at any time. Envelopes are included in the September and February packets.

WESTSIDE FARMERS MARKET IS OPEN!

We need your help to connect with the community through our St. Monica booth. It's easy! Be friendly and get to know our neighbors. Welcome them to a positive experience on our church property. **The future of St. Monica's depends on YOU!**

Can you give your time on 1, 2, or 3 Tuesdays?

**July 15, 22, 29
Aug. 12, 19, 26
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30
Oct. 7**

**Contact
Jessica.tette@dor.org to
sign up and help us grow
our parish!**



Let Us Pray



Our Sick Patti Rate

Jean & Al Page
Patti Rate's sister & brother-in-law

Our Deceased
Catherine Stagnitto
Linda Nally's mother

Zy'Jae St. Pierre

Those who are housing vulnerable

An end to racism

An end to war

God's creation



THOSE IN THE MILITARY

CJ Arnell, Joshua Bartlett, Zachary Bartlett, Jarid Cook, Andrew Chmiel, Andrea Gerard, David Englert, Richard Lewis, Angela Aviles Lewis, Andrea Christ, Terry Redfield, Jr.

Lamp Intentions for July

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Special Intention

Pat Fox Zahn

James G. Russell Jr.

John & JoAnn DeMott

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Robert & Jean Vane

Children/Family

Robert Mitchell

Patricia Mitchell



This Week at St. Monica Church: June 29-July 6, 2025

Sunday, 6/29	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 4:00 pm – St. Monica Summer Concert, Church
Monday, 6/30	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 7/1	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot 7:00 pm – Welcome Committee Meeting, Rectory
Wed., 7/2	8:00 am – Mass, Church 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church
Thurs., 7/3	12:10 pm – Mass Church
Friday, 7/4 Office Closed	Independence Day 8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Church
Saturday, 7/5	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 7/6	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Congratulations to Chari Peter for receiving the 2025 Elliot and Laura Richman Travel Award to attend the 2025 National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) Conference in September! Her talk is titled "Surface Interactions between CdSe QDs and Polyoxovanadates that influences Charge Transfer." She will be presenting her research on tuning charge transfer in colloidal quantum dots (QDs). Her work focuses on how surface chemistry affects hole extraction by enhancing electrostatic interactions with functionalized polyoxovanadate (POV) clusters. These modifications strengthen QD-POV attachment, improving exciton separation and interfacial charge transfer. Such QDs have broad applications, including in solar energy harvesting for fuel conversion. Way to go, Chari!



JUNGLE JOURNEY
ST. MONICA 2025
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 18-22
8:45 am - noon Grades preK4-12
 Online registration at
stmonicaofrochester.org
Free + lunch included

St. Monica CHURCH

SUMMER CONCERT

"LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS
BREATH PRAISE THE LORD!"
PSALMS 150:6



FEATURING VARIOUS MUSIC GIFTS,
INCLUDING ST. MONICA'S GOSPEL CHOIR,
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST.
BRIDGET'S GOSPEL CHOIR, NATE RAWLS
COMMUNITY JAZZ BAND, STRING
ENSEMBLES, AND SPECIAL GUESTS!



SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025 / 4 -6:30 PM
ST. MONICA CHURCH - 831 GENESEE ST.
ROCHESTER, NY 14611



Refreshment Reception
Immediately Following
concert. Free will
offerings appreciated!



Presented by:
 Rev. Raymond Fleming, Pastor
 Angela Nkugwa, Music and Choir Director (angela.nkugwa@dor.org)



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[St. Monica Church - Mass](https://www.youtube.com/St.MonicaChurch-Mass)

Bulletin

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Our links in the bulletin are live! If you are viewing this bulletin electronically, hold down Ctrl and click links in the bulletin to visit those sites.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Please send submissions by 4pm on Sundays: monicabulletin@dor.org with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

Our Collection: Week of June 22, 2025

Physical collection:	\$1,910
Online giving:	\$858
Total collection this week:	\$2,768
Weekly expenses:	\$9,423
Weekly Surplus/ Deficit:	(\$6,655)

How do I give my offering?

1. Weekly offering envelopes, cash, or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to

St. Monica Church
34 Monica St.
Rochester, NY 14619



2. **OSV Online Giving:** Visit our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds>) for secure one-time or recurring online giving.

3. **Text 2 Give:** Text your donation amount to 226-7514.

Thank you for supporting our community and ministries!

Emergency Food: If you need emergency food, you can contact St. Peter's Kitchen at (585) 235-6511 or come to 681 Brown Street Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 9 AM to 11 AM.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?

You are welcome at St. Monica Catholic Church! **Do you want to know more about how to join the parish?** Call the parish office today at 235-3340. It's that easy!

VOLUNTEERS:

All volunteers who encounter youth and vulnerable adults need to complete online Creating a Safe Environment training, background check and sign a Code of Conduct every three years. To complete the online course, go to dor.org online training or email jessica.tette@dor.org for a packet of information to help you.



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah House
 585-328-3228, ext. 1555
 Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
 or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

Creation Corner

Well, both Mother Nature and the calendar let us know that summer has arrived right on time. And with summer comes picnic and salad season. Here's one that can be adjusted for the size of the gathering and holds up well, whether you're taking it to the back yard or the lake.

Cold Rice Salad

Marinade: olive oil, vinegar (white or wine but not cider), lime juice, garlic salt

Ingredients:

2 cups cooked rice	8 large raw mushrooms
1 can mixed nuts (salted)	1 avocado
1 large red onion	1 can chickpeas
3 carrots	1 large Red Delicious apple
	1/4 lb. shelled green peas

Put the cooked rice into a large bowl with the marinade and refrigerate overnight. Cut up onion, mushrooms, carrots, apple, and avocado into small cubes. Open and drain the can of chickpeas; add shelled peas. Add all this to the marinated rice and mix all together. Just before you are ready to serve, add the mixed nuts and mix into the salad.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

- If you see immigration agents (ICE) in your community, call your local **ROCHESTER RAPID RESPONSE NETWORK HOTLINE: (585) 420-6471**
- A dispatcher will help you document the immigration enforcement activity and take information about anyone who was detained.
- If there was an arrest, Rapid Response Network works to connect those affected to legal services and other support.

Social Justice at St. Monica's

Blue Bag collection for July will be to support SWEM: South West Ecumenical Ministries, a network of food cupboards and community agencies covering 11 zip codes in the Southwest quadrant of Rochester. Bags will be passed out on the weekend of July 12th and 13th to be returned on the 19th and 20th. The needs are:

- instant and perked coffee (not K-cups, please)
- pudding and Jello, regular and sugar-free
- oatmeal, old fashioned and quick oats
- low-sodium canned vegetables
- soups, low-sodium and carbs
- brown rice and quinoa
- whole wheat pasta
- canned fruit
- sugar-free cereal

If anyone encounters ICE officials and feels threatened, there is an emergency response number to call: 585-420-6471. That is the number of the local Rochester Rapid Response Network. As the name implies, it is very timely.

If you would like to be included in social justice happenings involving St. Monica and the world, contact Dan Lill at danlill126@gmail.com. No meetings or commitments - just info! Our monthly meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday of the month.

NYS Catholic Conference

Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. **The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.**

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.



Take Action!



Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit bit.ly/veto-pas or use the QR code.

The New York State Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters.
www.nyscatholic.org • 518-434-6195 • info@nyscatholic.org

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

The owner of this popular neighborhood eatery and caterer was just recognized for her ongoing community generosity! **Evangela "Van" Stanley**, owner of **People's Choice Kitchen** at 575 Brooks Ave, was awarded a new SUV by Rochester-area Hyundai dealers as their annual Salute to Heroes recipient!

Like the widow in Mark 12:41-44 who gave of her little wealth, Van strives to share her gifts with her community. Every year she organizes giveaways for neighborhood children: 100 bicycles at Easter, safe treats at Halloween, dinners at Thanksgiving, and gifts for Christmas. Her window sign offers a meal to anyone, asking only what they can afford.

People's Choice Kitchen serves a fusion of Jamaican and Southern dishes, reflecting Van's family roots. Van is open Mon.-Sat, 11-6. Call 464-8790. Take home some great food or just stop in to congratulate Van and donate to her charity fund.





Summer Family

MOVIE NIGHT

DONATIONS AND CONCESSION SALES WILL SUPPORT OUR 6 PILGRIMS ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER.



FRIDAY, JULY 11 • 7:00 PM

ST. MONICA CHURCH - 831 GENESEE ST.

FREE ADMISSION

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



Bring your families, kids, friends, and neighbors for the perfect way to spend a summer Friday: a family movie night!

The movie will be shown inside the church. There is seating and guests can also bring any pillows and blankets they would like.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us for this fun summer night activity in the 19th Ward neighborhood!